

# SWEET GRASS COUNTY

## Local Emergency Planning Committee (L.E.P.C.)

All Hazards and Emergency 9-1-1

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### Minutes

Date of Meeting: **April 24, 2025 11:30 AM**

Location: **Ambulance Hall, Meeting Room; 220 W 1<sup>ST</sup> AVE; Big Timber MT**

#### Attendees:

Alan Ronneberg, Sheriff  
Corey Austin, HS Superintendent  
Andrew Bullock, EMS Manager  
Dan Tronrud, Community Health  
Kevin Langhus, SG Public Works/SAR  
Kris Novotny, City Fire Chief  
Jerry Prete, Fire Training  
Zac Krohn, USFS  
Greg Oyler, USFS

Levi Duncan, USFS  
Zac Fisher, USFS District Ranger  
Rebecca Egan, USFS  
Cliff Brophy, DES / 9-1-1 Coordinator  
Nick Vertz, NWS  
GUESTS:  
Mike Boettcher, DNRC  
Jeff Brown, DNRC  
Brad Orsted, Community Health

**The meeting was called to order** by Clifford Brophy, Chair at 11:30 AM

**The pledge of allegiance to the US Flag** was recited

**Welcome and self-introductions:** Completed

**Minutes for the Meeting** on March 27, 2025 were approved as submitted.

#### **National Weather Service:**

Nick reported that we have had a wet season. Should stay that way for the next few weeks.

#### **Local Emergency Planning Committee (L.E.P.C.) Topics:**

Cliff spoke about a verbal request we received to compose a letter of support. The organization upgrading the Shepherd Square is submitting a proposal to the County School to construct a shared restroom facility that would benefit the Civic Center and the public using the square. This letter would not committee funding support but would give our support of the improvement that it would provide to the Civic Center as it is designated as an emergency shelter. Kris moved to authorize Cliff to write the letter of support. Dan Tronrud seconded. Motion passed

Training offered by BNSF Railroad in Laurel on May 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> 2025 was announced and handouts provided. Details on registering were provided on the handouts.

**Disaster and Emergency Services (D.E.S.) Topics:**

Cliff announced that we are scheduled to update our EOP this year and submit it to the County Commissioners and City Council for adoption. Several areas of the EOP are being modified and scheduled for review and action by the LEPC during the May meeting. Anyone having suggestions of topics that require updating may send them to Cliff.

**Emergency 9-1-1 Topics:**

Alan signed the MOU for the Bozeman area 988 Help Center. This will facilitate better communication between the Help Center and Dispatch during crisis events involving callers that are at risk of harming themselves.

**Fire Topics:**

Kris reported that Melville fire apparatus storage building is moving along. The pad is completed and the footings are being worked on now. It should be finished in July.

**Public Health Topics:**

Cliff reported that he received word that the first Montana Measles case and the first Candida case were recently reported by public health authorities.

**Mitigation Progress:**

None to report this month.

**Comments from Members:**

None

**Select Next Meeting Date: Thursday, May 22, 2025 11:30 AM**

**Public Comments:** None given

**Adjourn:** 12:00 pm

Submitted by



Clifford Brophy  
Chair/Secretary/Treasurer